

Montgomery County Commission on Reapportionment

Montgomery County Charter ARTICLE 14: REAPPORTIONMENT

§ 14.01. Commission on Reapportionment.

- (a) Within 30 days after the publication of the results of the 2020 federal census, and within 30 days of each regular decennial census thereafter, a Commission on Reapportionment shall be convened in order to evaluate the then-existing county legislative districts for equality in population;
- (b) The Commission shall consist of nine members, with no more than one member a resident of each then-current legislative district. No member of the commission shall be a current county employee or county elected official. No more than three members of the commission may be registered voters of any one party;
- (c) The members of the commission shall be chosen in the following order: two shall be appointed by the minority party or parties represented on the legislature, two shall be appointed by the Chair of the County Legislature, and two shall be appointed by the County Executive. Following these first selections, each appointing authority shall appoint one additional member, in the same order;
- (d) The Commission shall convene for its organizational meeting at the call of the County Executive, and shall at that meeting elect a chairman from among its numbers. It shall develop proposed districts in the form of a local law, keeping districts compact and contiguous while also taking into account existing town, city, village, and school district lines, election district boundaries, and the then-current legislative districts, as well as geographic features. The Commission shall give no consideration, however, to political party registration or affiliation;
- (e) All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. The Commission shall hold no fewer than three public hearings to solicit the views of county residents and elected officials regarding the redistricting plan. Within 90 days its first meeting, the Commission shall present a draft map and draft local law to the County Legislature. Within 60 days, the County Legislature may vote to make changes to the local law, provided that any changes must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Should the 60-day period pass without any action by the legislature, the local law shall be deemed adopted. Should the legislature choose to amend the law by a two-thirds vote, the law as amended shall be subject to a permissive referendum.

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